

City of Cochran Council Retreat Agenda

February 6-7, 2025

Facilitator: **David Jenks, Ph.D.**

Provost and Vice President Academic Affairs

Middle Georgia State University

Thursday, February 6

8:00 - 8:15 AM

Public Hearing: House Bill 581

8:15 - 8:45 AM

- Welcome and Opening Remarks - Mayor (8:15-8:30)
- Purpose, Ground Rules, Retreat Goals, and Expectations (8:30-8:45)
 - General Announcements and Introductions (2&2)

8:45 - 10:15 AM

- Professional Development Session (8:45-9:30)
 - Feedback and Evaluation Discussion
 - Community Strength/Weakness Assessment
 - Interactive Discussion
- Council Roles, Meeting Conduct, and Building Consensus – Jim Elliot (9:30-10:00)
- Water Update - Brad Holtsinger (10:00-10:15)

10:15 - 10:30 AM - Break

10:30 - 11:30 AM

- Financial Review & Planning - Tony King, Financial Consultant (10:30-11:30)

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Lunch

12:30 - 1:30 PM

Department Head Updates:

- Fire Department (12:30-12:45)

- Public Works (12:45-1:00)
- City Clerk (1:00-1:15)
- Police Chief (1:15-1:30)

1:30 - 2:00 PM - Break

2:00 - 3:00 PM

- City Engineering Update - James Jones, Falcon Design (2:00-3:00)

3:00 - 4:00 PM

County Collaboration Session:

- County Commissioner Update - Mike Davis (3:00-3:15)
- Tax Commissioner Update - Paige Baggs (3:15-3:30)
- Sheriff's Office - Daniel Cape (3:30-3:45)
- Emergency Management - Matt Kelley, EMA (3:45-4:00)

4:00 - 4:15 PM - Break

4:15 - 5:15 PM

Economic Development:

- IDA Update - Andy Lucas (4:15-4:30)
- Chamber of Commerce - Melissa Barker (4:30-4:45)
- Downtown Development - Ken Land, DDA (4:45-5:00)
- Middle Georgia State University - Randy Thompson (5:00-5:15)

5:30- Until

Dinner/Networking at La Cabana hosted by FALCON DESIGN

Friday, February 7

8:00 - 8:30 AM

- Day 2 Opening (8:00-8:30)
 - Reflections on Day One and Setting the Stage for Day 2

8:30 - 9:30 AM

- Airport Authority Update - Adam Holloway & Jim Washburn (8:30-8:45)
- Energy Authority Update - Wayne James (8:45-9:00)
- Georgia Power Update - Scott Cox (9:00-9:15)
- CHOICE Insurance Update - Mike Sanford (9:15-9:30)

9:30 - 10:20 AM

Community Development:

- Recreation Department - Allen Yawn (9:30-9:45)
- Library Services - Gina Thomas (9:45-10:00)
- Housing Programs - Rhonda Gilbert, Gilbert and Associates (10:00-10:20)

10:20 - 10:35 AM - Break

10:35 - 12:00 PM

Strategic Planning:

- City Manager Session (10:35-11:05)
- Strategic Planning Discussion Dr. Jenks (11:05-12:00)
 - Integrated Planning Framework
 - Constituent Analysis and Engagement
 - Environmental Scanning
 - Succession Planning

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - Lunch

1:30 - 2:15 PM

- Personnel Discussion/Open Operations Discussion (1:00-1:45)
- City Operations Overview - City Manager (1:45-2:15)

2:15 - 2:30 PM - Break

2:30 - 2:45 PM

Public Hearing: House Bill 581

2:45 - 4:30 PM

- Council Discussion Items (2:45-4:15)
 - Home Based Business Discussion
 - HB 581
 - Pre-1992 Annexations
 - Open discussion
- Closing Remarks & Adjournment - Mayor (4:15-4:30)